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Fire Department Increases EMS Fleet with All-Terrain Vehicles

Beginning Monday, May 21 thru Friday, May 25, 2007, the Baltimore City Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Division will celebrate Emergency Medical Services Week (EMS). EMS week is celebrated nationally to show appreciation to Emergency Medical Services providers and to highlight various components of the services they provide. This year EMS week will be commemorated by a number of exhibitions, training exercises, workshops and conferences on EMS related topics within the department.

On Monday, May 21, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. a Baltimore City Medic Unit and the Johns Hopkins Mobile Safety Center will be on display at Patterson High School located at 501 Kane Street. A tour and medical demonstration will be provided for interested students. Literature on healthcare and wellness will be on display



On Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Baltimore City Fire Fighters and Paramedics will demonstrate a vehicle accident with rescue and extrication at the Oldtown Fire Station located at 1100 Hillen Street. The department has invited over fifty students from Dunbar, Northwestern, Patterson and Walbrook High Schools who are currently enrolled in the Emergency Medical Services curriculum. Given this opportunity, students will get a bird's eye view of the operational and technical components used during a rescue assignment. They will also learn about rescue tools, extrication procedures for victims of automobile accidents, how to perform patient assessments and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

For fourteen years, the Fire Department has held EMS week to showcase the great work, services and educational programs shared within the community. EMS week is a time set aside by the Fire Department to place emphasis on various operational aspects of the services provided by our Paramedics.

We will also have a display of EMS vehicles which are vital to the daily operation of the department's EMS services; medic units, squads and bike medics, EMS Gators, EMS Command Unit, Rescue #1 and new to our EMS Fleet Alternative Support Apparatus (ASAP) Units.

On hand will be Division Chief/Emergency Medical Services Lloyd Carter, Battalion Commander Dickson Henry, ranking officers of our EMS division and Paramedics to provide information and share resources about employment opportunities

within our EMS Division. Tentative, EMS Olympics will be held at Dunbar High School Field. The Olympics will feature backboard, stretcher, sack and three legged races in addition to tug of war with judging by EMS personnel.

On Thursday, May 24, 2007 at the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Life Safety Center, an EMS representative will discuss life, health and safety issues in addition to helpful information for career minded individuals considering the fire service as a career. The presentation will take place at 300 N. Gay Street and will run until 6:00 p.m. EMS week will end on Friday, May 25, 2007 with a Health and Safety Day for seniors at the 11 West 20th Street. A representative from the EMS division will perform blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar screening and basic life safety information. The days activities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 6:00 p.m.

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